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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on 1 December, 2004 for the above-captioned application, enclosed is the following:

Response and Amendment Under Rule 116

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0888. A copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

A return postcard is also enclosed. Please date stamp and mail the postcard in order to acknowledge receipt of this correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

In response to the Office action dated 1 December 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.